

Harrington Park Environmental Commission
February 5, 2020, 7:30 pm Meeting Minutes

Peter Ardito opened the meeting at 7:30 with the following announcement: In compliance with Chapter 231, Public Law 1975, adequate notice of this meeting was made. It was included in the 2020 annual notice posted in the Borough Hall. Copies have been mailed to THE RECORD, NORTHERN VALLEY PRESS, and the NORTH JERSEY SUBURBANITE. A copy has been filed with the Borough Clerk, and copies have been mailed to individuals requesting the same.

Roll Call:	Peter Ardito-present	Sung Min Yoo-absent
	Mary Ann Schran-present at 7:39	Jeffrey Brockman-present
	Anne Lander-present	Theresa Hazelton-present
	Meredith Budinich-present	

Tracy Rosesteel and Phil Clay made a presentation on Pooch Paper, an alternative to pet waste bags. Councilman Brockman had met her at Meet the Breeds at the American Kennel Club dog show. Pooch Paper retails for \$12.96 for a box (26 cents per sheet; bulk is 11 cents a sheet). They are carbon neutral and printed with soy-based ink. Bulk is used at dog parks, etc. Peter wants to buy some to sell at the Farmers Markets.

Green Team Portion of Meeting Mary Ann will try to send out information if possible.

Minutes from January 8, 2020 Theresa moved to approve the minutes, second Anne. All in favor. Carried.

Old Business

March 11 talk by Barry Higgins

Finances as of February 5, 2020

T- Mobile - 13,201.92

EC- 2205.30

Current Budget - 1000.00

New Business Peter spoke to Lori from SWAN. When United Water was selling off land they were required to pay \$1 million or more to buy property that would become watershed. Peter wondered if there was any HP property that could be purchased. Theresa will try to speak to Mr. Sundlen.

On February 13, Peter and possibly Theresa will meet with Dr. Fried.

Anne pointed out that there are grants available for tree surveys.

Public Portion of Meeting Mark Curtis asked about the trees that have been removed from the tennis court area. Peter pointed out that all ash trees have been infected by the ash bore and that O&R is doing tree work. O&R does not have a replacement policy, but O&R is now consulting with the Mayor and Council and Peter before doing any tree work; they have a new PR person and have committed to devoting \$500-700 for replacement. Peter is also working to get money from Suez and is meeting with Ray Cywinski. The EC will also contribute some. Native species will be purchased from Cleatus Farm.

Adjournment—Next scheduled meeting March 4, 2020. Mary Ann moved to adjourn, second Meredith. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:27 pm.